

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
AUGUST 8, 2006  
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Stuart and Boldt, Chair, present. Commissioner Morris absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD 2451

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2451 – Sheriff's Rifle Accessories. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2451 be awarded to the lowest bidder.

*Boldt* asked if this was just for the rifles.

*Westerman* said yes. He explained that the accessory ensures that Sheriff's deputies don't have to hold a flashlight separately.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to award Bid 2451 to Law Enforcement Equipment Distribution of Tacoma, Washington, in the total bid amount of \$39,936.02, including Washington State sales tax, and grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners Boldt and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 290)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

*Boldt* indicated that there was a request to pull item 5, as well as a change to item 3.

*Bill Barron*, County Administrator, explained the reason for pulling item 5 (approval of direct provision of mental health crisis services by the Department of Community Services, 19 project positions). He said Human Resources and Community Services would like more time to discuss possibly making the positions permanent. Mr. Barron said the change for item 3 (Authorization to increase the County Administrator and Public Works Director contract award limits) simply revises the Request section of the staff report, deleting "and authorize Other Selected County Directors to award contracts up to a limited amount."

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There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to pull item 5 and approve items 1 through 10, with the amendments to item 3 as discussed. Commissioners Boldt and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 290)

BOARD OF HEALTH & BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING: FOOD CODE

Held a public hearing for the Clark County Board of Commissioners/Clark County Board of Health to consider an ordinance repealing Chapter 24.08 of the Clark County Code and the Clark County Board of Health adopt and the Board of County Commissioners adopt and codify a new Ordinance in the Clark County Code No. 24.09 entitled, Food Establishments, authorizing policies and procedures relating to compliance and enforcement of Washington Administrative Code 246-215.

*Barron* explained that the Board of Health needed to review the Food Code and the Board of County Commissioners needed to approve the code change.

*John Wiesman*, Director of Public Health, said the code was basically out of date. He said state food regulations (WAC 246.215) have been adopted and essentially catch up with science around the food industry changes and look at clarifying the local permit application process and accompanying fees, the inspection schedules and procedures, and local enforcement procedures. He said it also avoids restating all the WAC requirements from the state and simply adopts those by reference. He said it attempts to provide clear language and enforcement flexibility. Mr. Wiesman requested an insertion at line 135, which is a section that talks about required tests for a renewal permit. Currently, item C says, "Submission of a nitrate test result every three years." He said that's true, but only applies to those food establishments not utilizing public water and that they would like to add the following language to the end of that sentence: "if the food establishment is not using public water."

*Stuart* referenced Budget and Policy Implications where it talks about fees and asked what those fees would be.

*Wiesman* said this code simply adopts the current inspection frequency so the work volume would remain as it is today. Currently, there would be no change to the fees.

*Paul Childers*, Immediate Past-Chair for the Washington State Restaurant Association, and Vice-Chair for Public Health Advisory Council, stated that the new ordinance meets with their approval.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve Ordinance 2006-08-10, with an amendment to line 135, Item C, inserting, "if the food establishment is not utilizing public water," to the end of the sentence. Commissioners Boldt and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 290)

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COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no comments.

*The Board of Commissioners adjourned and convened as the Board of Health*

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

*Boldt* wanted to know why they had a contract with both Portland Adventist and Portland Health.

*Wiesman* said for item 2, the contract with Portland Health, Multnomah Health Department is part of the Title I Planning Council for HIV/AIDS care services and the funding for the metro area comes through that department. For item 1 he explained that as required under OSHA staff who are around folks who have infectious diseases, for example TB, wear special masks that must be fit-tested and medically approved.

*Stuart* said they see a lot of contract and grants regarding HIV/AIDS and he wanted to know what kind of results they're getting.

*Wiesman* said in terms of care services piece, clients continue to receive the appropriate services. He said the caseload is heavy, but they have seen a slowing down of new infections and it's still fairly contained in the high risk groups. In their community, they're seeing the continuation of an epidemic that is controlled in terms of staying in the same populations. He said the challenge is that with all the new medications, people are living much longer and so the case management loads increase and are more complex.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve items 1 and 2. Board members Boldt and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 290)

BOARD OF HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS

*Boldt* said he's heard good things about the Fair this year and that comments about all the hand washing stands and inspections of the food booths have been good.

*Wiesman* said they are pleased and Fair officials have been great to work with. He emphasized that people who attend the fair need to take responsibility in keeping their hands washed.

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*Bill Barron*, County Administrator, asked Commissioner Boldt if he would acknowledge the fact that the Board of Health reviewed Ordinance 2006-08-10 (pertaining to the Food Code) and that it was referred to the Board of Commissioners and approved.

*Boldt* acknowledged that they took that action, for the record.


*Wiesman* acknowledged two staff members, Troy and Carrie, who are Public Health nurses who work in the communicable disease section. He said that as part of new staff orientation, they encourage employees to attend Board of Health and Board of Commissioner meetings. Wiesman also stated that he, Commissioner Boldt, Dr. Alan Melnick, and Bob Williamson had recently attended two joint conferences in San Antonio, the National Association of County and City Health Officials and the National Associations of Local Boards of Health. He said that currently there is a national dialogue happening that pertains to the accreditation of health departments. He said a proposal is being discussed and a decision would likely be made by the end of the year. Also, in Washington State they have the Washington State Public Health Standards and Clark County Public Health has been reviewed under those standards three different times. He said he would provide updates on that. Wiesman then presented the new logo, which they hope will be a nationally used logo for public health. He said they would be working with the Public Information and Outreach department to figure out how they might add it to some of their materials as a way to get national recognition of public health. Finally, he commented on a session he attended on integrated primary care, which is how mental health services are integrated in a primary care medical center. He said they are learning a lot more about that model and would do follow-up.


*Barron* announced that new meeting schedule has been developed for the Board of Health, effective in October. They will now be meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room. He explained that the purpose for this change was to do the Board of Health's meetings and business independently from the Board of Commissioners.

*Adjourned*

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Marc Boldt, Chair

  
Steve Stuart, Commissioner

Betty Sue Morris, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Board

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